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## **BOARD FOR THE COORDINATION OF CHILD CARE REGULATION**

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### **MEETING MINUTES<sup>1</sup>**

**Meeting Date:** October 23, 2000  
**Meeting Time:** 10:00 A.M.  
**Meeting Place:** State House, 200 W. Washington St.,  
Room 233  
**Meeting City:** Indianapolis, Indiana  
**Meeting Number:** 5

**Members Present:** Sen. Connie Lawson, Chair; Sen. Rose Antich; Rep. William Crawford; Rep. Mary Kay Budak; Ellen Clippinger; Sven Schumacher; Kimberly Tracy Armstrong; Nathan Samuel; Marsha Hearn-Lindsey; Carol Johnson; Sharon Pierce; James Hmurovich; Mara Snyder; Judy Ganser.

**Members Absent:** Cheryl A. Seelig; Donald Amos; Barb Schuck.

#### **I. Call to Order**

Senator Lawson, Chair, called the meeting to order at approximately 10:00 a.m. and indicated to the Board that a quorum existed, and that the meeting would mainly consist of committee discussion and final report adoption. The Chair then asked staff from Legislative Services Agency to distribute minutes from the fourth meeting (Exhibit #1).

#### **II. Legislation Recommended For Introduction**

The following bill drafts were distributed to the Board for discussion and prospective inclusion into the final report as recommendations for introduction (final votes were taken for each bill draft).

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<sup>1</sup> Exhibits and other materials referenced in these minutes can be inspected and copied in the Legislative Information Center in Room 230 of the State House in Indianapolis, Indiana. Requests for copies may be mailed to the Legislative Information Center, Legislative Services Agency, 200 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204-2789. A fee of \$0.15 per page and mailing costs will be charged for copies. These minutes are also available on the Internet at the General Assembly homepage. The URL address of the General Assembly homepage is <http://www.ai.org/legislative/>. No fee is charged for viewing, downloading, or printing minutes from the Internet.

### **1) PD 3523 - Class I Child Care Homes**

PD 3523 (Exhibit #2) allows a Class I child care home to serve a school age child during a break in the school year that exceeds four weeks under certain circumstances. The Board agreed to suggested changes in the bill regarding certain criteria and child care home requirements.

The above bill draft was then voted to be placed in the final report as a recommendation for introduction by the Board.

Final Vote: 14-0

### **2) PD 3533 - Class II Child Care Homes**

PD 3533 (Exhibit #3) removes the requirement that a person reside in a child care home to qualify for a license to operate a Class II child care home.

The above bill draft was voted to be placed in the final report as a recommendation for introduction by the Board.

Final Vote: 14-0

### **3) Legislation Regarding Indiana's Child Abuse Registry**

This prospective legislation (Exhibit #4) allows a person, upon submitting a consent for release of information signed by a child care provider, to access certain information in the child abuse registry regarding a child care provider. The Board agreed to suggested changes in the language regarding the definition of "child care provider" and who would be subject to the law.

The above bill draft was then voted to be placed in the final report as a recommendation for introduction by the Board (no PD # was assigned at the time of the vote).

Final Vote: 14-0

### **4) PD 3522 - Child Care Development Fund Voucher Program**

PD 3522 (Exhibit #5) provides that a child care provider is ineligible to receive reimbursement through the federal Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) voucher program unless the provider meets certain standards. The Board agreed to suggested changes in the bill regarding technical items.

The above bill draft was then voted to be placed in the final report as a recommendation for introduction by the Board.

Final Vote: 13-1

## **III. Other Findings and Recommendations**

The Board made the following findings and recommendations.

### **1) Tiered Reimbursement**

The Board recommends that FSSA pursue the development of a tiered reimbursement system. The tiered reimbursement system should provide for higher payments to providers who meet more than minimum requirements of licensure, education, child-staff ratios, health and safety, and other

aspects of improving child care and child development than to providers who meet only minimum requirements.

The Board voted to include this recommendation (after the addition of “health and safety” as seen above) in the final report (Exhibit #6).

Final Vote: 14-0

## **2) Playground Safety**

The Board acknowledges that there are numerous safety issues in all child care playground situations, and in addition there are significant fiscal concerns in addressing these safety issues. Therefore the Board encourages that FSSA complete its promulgated rule process that allows for transitional plans, and to provide technical assistance in the implementation of these rules. The Board strongly advocates that all child care providers accepting government subsidies comply with the playground safety rules promulgated by FSSA.

The Board voted to include this recommendation in the final report.

Final Vote: 14-0

## **3) Seclusion and Restraint**

The Board encourages that Indiana implement H.R. 4365 (the Children’s Health Act of 2000), and also encourages that FSSA will not attempt to do so without input by the affected communities.

The Board voted to include this recommendation in the final report.

Final Vote: 14-0

## **4) Latchkey Programs**

The Board recognizes the need to evaluate the provision of child care in Indiana in a process that is both comprehensive and inclusive, particularly with respect to Latch Key Programs and to children with special needs.

The Board voted to include this recommendation in the final report.

Final Vote: 14-0

## **5) Subsidies for Child Care**

Recognizing the critical impact of child care to the economic growth of Indiana, the Board recommends that family income eligibility guidelines for child care subsidy should be increased for the working poor, and to include families of children with special needs.

The Board voted to include this recommendation in the final report.

Final Vote: 14-0

## **IV. Final Business and Report Adoption**

There being no further business, the Chair asked that Legislative Services Agency distribute the final report draft for review (Exhibit #7), and indicated that all recommendations would be included from today's meeting. After review by the Board, the final report draft was adopted.

Final Vote: 14-0

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:30 pm.